

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Amend paragraph [00026] as follows:

Figure 3 also is a perspective view of a protection element according to the ~~invention.~~ invention;

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0026]:

Figure 4 is a detail view showing an enlargement of the lower-side adjusting screw and transverse beam shown in Fig. 1, with a ring groove formed on the threaded bore; and

Figure 5 is a detail view showing an enlargement of the upper-side adjusting screw and transverse beam shown in Fig. 1, with a ring groove formed on the adjusting screw.

Please amend paragraph [0037] as follows:

Both embodiments are illustrated in Figure 1. In this case, it is shown that the upper adjusting screw 12 ~~(relative to Figure 1)~~ , shown on the upper-side of Figure 1, has a surrounding ring groove 15 in which the spring ring 14 is disposed. In contrast, on the lower-side of Figure 1, the ring groove ~~45~~ 15' is formed in the area of the lower adjusting screw ~~12~~ 12' by a recess in the threaded bore 16 in which the spring ring 14 is disposed and rests frictionally on the external thread of the adjusting screw ~~12~~ 12'. This is shown in greater detail in

Figs. 4 and 5. Figure 4 shows an enlargement of the lower-side transverse beam 10 (in cross-section) and threaded bore 16, as shown in Fig. 1, in which the ring groove 15' is more clearly visible because the lower-side adjusting screw 12' and spring ring 14 are not shown. Figure 5 shows an enlargement of the upper-side adjusting screw 12, with the spring ring 14 removed to more clearly show the ring groove 15.